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Letter dated 13 October 2006 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 4 October 2006 (S/2006/811) concerning your request that the mandate of the Office of your Special Representative for the Great Lakes Region, which expired on 30 September 2006, be extended to 31 December 2006, has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They take note of the information and intention expressed in your letter.

In considering your letter, the members of the Security Council reiterated the request set out in the letter of the President of the Security Council of 29 March 2006 (S/2006/193) that your Special Representative focus on three priorities in fulfilling his mandate:

(a) To assist the countries of the region to convene the second Summit of the Great Lakes Region at the earliest opportunity;

(b) To facilitate adoption by the countries of the region of a security, stability and development pact;

(c) To support the core countries in ensuring that the planned regionally led follow-up mechanism is fully operational by the time of the second Summit and to take the necessary steps to transfer residual United Nations responsibilities to the core countries.

In addition, Council members took note of the information in the letter to you of 27 September 2006 (S/2006/811, annex) from the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Republic of Tanzania, Chair of the Regional Inter-Ministerial Committee of the International Conference for the Great Lakes Region, regarding the intention of the core countries to reach decisions by 15 November 2006 on the location, establishment and organization of the regional Conference secretariat. Council members would welcome further information in due course from representatives of the core countries on the decisions that are reached.

(*Signed*) Kenzo **Oshima**
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